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Re: Inventor(s): Shinichi Kurita and Emanuel Beer
Title: METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR POSITIONING A SUBSTRATE RELATIVE TO A SUPPORT STAGE
Serial No.: 10/782,507
Filed: February 19, 2004
Examiner: Khoi H. Tran
Group Art Unit: 3651

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Total Claims	N/A	- 20 =	-0-	X \$50.00	\$0.00
Independent Claims	N/A	- 3 =	-0-	X \$200.00	\$0.00
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97,
applicants wish to call the attention of the Examiner to the
following references:

U.S. Patent No. 4,628,986, Southam

U.S. Patent No. 5,969,441, Loopstra et al.

Foreign Art Reference No. CN86101820A (China)

Foreign Art Reference No. CN2222404Y (China)

Foreign Art Reference No. JP 2001-358202 (Japan)

Please charge deposit account No. 04-1696 in the amount of \$180.00 for consideration of this information disclosure statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c)(2).

CN86101820A and CN2222404Y were cited by the Chinese Patent Office in a corresponding foreign application that is related to the present application. CN86101820A is related to US Patent No. 4,628,986 which is cited in the present IDS.

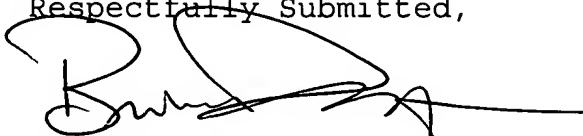
Applicants understanding of CN2222404Y, as provided by the Chinese Patent Office, is as follows:

"Reference 3 (CN2222404Y, refer to the second paragraph on page 10 and Figure 6 of its Specification) discloses the following technical features: a push pin pneumatic cylinder 15 . . . acts to move a stop, so as to translate a push pin stage 11 . . . toward the body of a connector until a push pin face inserts pins into the holes at desired positions of the connector body, at that time, the push pin pneumatic cylinder 15 is restored to its initial position, and the push pin stage 11 is restored along with a slide block 120 by the force of a restoring spring 123.

These references are also listed on the accompanying Information Disclosure Statement (Form PTO-1449).

Consideration of the foregoing in relation to this
patent application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully Submitted,

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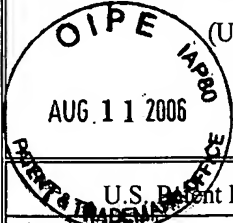
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U.S. Patent Documents

*Examiner Initial		Document Number	Issue Date	Name	Class	Subclass	Filing Date If Appropriate
	US-1	4,628,986	12/16/86	Southam			
	US-2	5,969,441	10/19/99	Loopstra et al.			
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Foreign Patent Documents

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	F-1	CN86101820A	09/16/87	China				X
	F-2	CN2222404Y	03/13/96	China				X
	F-3	JP 2001-358202	12/26/01	Japan			X	
	F-4							
	F-5							

OTHER ART (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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